

Dickson Company (Paul Dickson)

Part of my sand and gravel business is the clean disposal of hydro excavated soils and gravel in a pond that some would refer to as a Vactor pond because of the vacuum trucks the material comes in. Since we don't accept any waste materials such street sweepings and catch basin material or septic waste, the material coming in the vacuum trucks that is dumped in our pond is the same as the material that we accept in open dump trucks as inert fill, other than the water component. I was informed that ponds such as these will no longer be included in the sand and gravel general permit. I feel that it is well within our ability to test and monitor the material and water coming into our facility and be sure that there is no risk of contamination to waters of the state. Because of this I would much prefer to keep one permit that covers my entire facility consistently with one point of contact instead of needing a separate permit for something that doesn't pose any different or extra risk. I'm willing to work with ecology on sampling requirements or practices that would satisfy any potential concerns.